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"But that wilde beast [AW: the Tapir] is greatly esteemed by the Barbarians, by reason of the skinne, which as soone as they have taken away, cutting the backe of the hide in a round circle, they drie it in the Sunne, and fashion it like unto a Target of the bignesse of the bottome of an indifferent vessell, wherewith they repell the Arrowes, of the enemies, received in the warres. And the skinne dried in the Sunne becommeth so hard, that I easily beleeve that it cannot bee pierced through with the stroke of any weapon, although it bee cast with great violence. I carefully desired to bring two such Targets into France, but the famine so oppressed us returning, that all the provision of victuall being spent, not excepting Monkeyes and Parots, and other living creatures of the same kinde, which we brought with us out of that Countrie, those two Targets, being laid upon the coales, were also eaten to expell hunger; unto the which the rest of the skinnes that were in the ship (as I shall declare in their proper place) were added."